

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A keyboard comprising a plurality of keys, each key comprising:

5 a key top;

a guiding structure including at least one linking unit pivotally movable in response to vertical motion of the key top;

10 an elastic member to be pressed down by the vertical motion of the key top; and

a contact operatively associated with the vertical motion of the key top, wherein the guiding structure has a first common unit which is shared with the other keys.

15 2. A keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the first common unit is a board disposed below the key top, and the guiding structure includes a first linking unit that is formed by cutting out the board.

20 3. A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the guiding structure includes a second linking unit that is formed by bending a rod.

25 4. A keyboard according to claim 2, wherein the guiding structure includes a second linking unit which is formed by cutting out a second common unit that is a board and is shared with the other keys disposed below the key top.

5. A keyboard according to claim 3, wherein the first linking unit and the second linking unit are pivotally intersected when viewed from the side.

5 6. A keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the guiding structure includes a plurality of linking units which is formed by cutting out a first common unit.

7. A keyboard according to claim 6, wherein the pivotal
10 axis of one of the plurality of linking units is disposed orthogonal to the pivotal axis of another linking unit when viewed from the top.